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EXCHANGE PROGRAM - PROFESSOR STEFAN MACKIEWICZ AND PRO-
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D)WARSAW 7694; E)LETTER TO DR. ROBERT FISCHER FROM LIDIA
RETKOWSKA-MIKA OF FEBRUARY 1978

1. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED MARCH 15,
1973 BY THE SECRETARY OF DHEW AND MINISTER OF HEALTH OF
POLAND WHICH, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FORMALLY PROVIDED FOR
THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON INFORMAL-
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RESEARCH PROGRAM FUNDED WITH US-OWNED LOCAL CURRENCY IN
1962. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, DURING THE VISIT OF MR. EDWARD
GIEREK, THE 1973 HEALTH AGREEMENT WAS REVISED AND SIGNED
BY SECRETARY OF STATE AND M. JAGIELSKI, DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION. ONE OF THE
PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED A U.S.-POLISH
JOINT COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH COOPERATION. THIS COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM FOR RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL IN THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND THE HEALTH SCIENCES.

2. PROFESSOR STEFAN MACKIEWICZ, HEAD, IMMUNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL DISEASES, THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF POZNAN, AND PROFESSOR FRANCISZEK KOKOT, HEAD, NEPHROLOGY DEPARTMENT, CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL KIDNEY, SILESIAN MEDICAL ACADEMY, KATOWICZ, HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE FOR A SIX WEEK VISIT TO THE U.S. UNDER THIS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN EXCHANGES OF LETTERS AND CABLES CONCERNING THESE TWO PEOPLE. NIH DOES NOT CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH MOH CONCERNING THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM, THEREFORE, IT CANNOT LOCATE THE ORIGINAL MOH REQUEST TO DHEW TO PLACE THESE PEOPLE. NIH RECEIVED A REQUEST TO PLACE THESE PEOPLE ALONG WITH THEIR CURRICULUM VITAE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, DHEW. NIH PRESUMES THAT THESE TWO VISITORS WERE PROPOSED ALONG WITH OTHERS IN CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JAN SIEKLUCKI, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE, MOH. ABOUT MARCH 1977. EMBASSY MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOH.

3. IN REFTEL C, NIH ASKED EMBASSY FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED VISITORS. REFTEL D REPORTS INFORMATION REQUESTED RE MACKIEWICZ AND KOKOT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE SENT. THIS INFORMATION, WHICH NIH RECEIVED WAS PRESUMABLY PREPARED BY THE VISITORS AT REQUEST OF MOH WHICH TRANSMITTED IT TO DHEW FOR NIH USE. REFLET E WAS A LETTER FROM MRS. RETOWSKA-MIKA, SENIOR ADVISOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE THAT THE MOH PLANNED FOR THE VISITOR TO ARRIVE IN U.S. ABOUT APRIL 20, 1978. NIH DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MOH DOES NOT HAVE A RECORD OF THESE TWO PERSONS BEING PROPOSED FOR THE EXCHANGE, AS REPORTED REFTEL A. MRS. LIDIA RETKOWSKA-MIKA HAS BEEN HANDLING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR MR. SIEKLUCKI AND SHE CAN UNDOUBTEDLY TRACE ORIGINAL MOH REQUEST.

4. NIH IS DEVELOPING A PROGRAM ON A BASIS OF AN ARRIVAL DATE OF APRIL 20, 1978 FOR DRS. MACKIEWICZ AND KOKOT. THIS IS A PROPITIOUS DATE FOR THEIR ARRIVAL AS NIH PLANS FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION IN SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 30-MAY 3, 1978. THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN A PROFILE OF CLINICALLY ORIENTED BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF INTEREST. PLANS ARE ALSO BEING MADE FOR DR. MACKIEWICZ TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN RHEUMA-

TISM ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK CITY JUNE 1-2, 1978.

5. THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS AND ITINFRARY OF EACH VISITOR IS AS FOLLOWS: FOR DR. MACKIEWICZ - DR. JACOBUS POTTER, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; DR. ANGELO TARANTA, CABRINI HEALTH CARE CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; DR. EVAN CALKINS, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BUFFALO, NEW YORK; DR. FREDERIC MCDUFFIE, MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK; DR. LIEF SORENSEN, THE PRITZKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; DRS. ENG TAN AND CHARLES J. SMYTH, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDICAL CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO; DR. NORMAN TALAL, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; DR. MORRIS ZIFF, UNIVERSITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS; DRS. EDMUND DUBOIS AND GEORGE FRIOU, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; DRS. H. RALPH SCHUMAKER AND ALAN MEYERS, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNYSYLVANIA; AND THE ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS, METABOLISM AND DIGESTIVE DISEASES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. FOR DR. KOKOT - DR. ALBERT RUBIN, CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; DR. LAWRENCE RAISZ, YUKON HEALTH CENTER, FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT; DR. JOHN P. MERRILL, PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS; DR. S. G. MASSRY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; DR. LOUIS AVIOLE, JEWISH HOSPITAL OF ST. LOUIS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; DR. R. TALMAGE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL NORTH CAROLINA; AND DR. R. R. ROBINSON, DUKE MEDICAL CENTER, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

6. THE POLISH DOCTORS HAVE BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO MAKE A SHORT TERM VISIT, OF UP TO SIX WEEKS, IN THE U.S. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE MOH OF THESE PLANS.

7. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM NIH IF DSP IS NEEDED. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE TIME IS TOO SHORT TO SEND ONE TO THE VISITORS VIA STATE DEPARTMENT OR INTERNATIONAL MAIL. CHRISTOPHER

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